

I am opposed to changing the current broadcast ownership rules. The current rules are not outdated. They ensure that we receive independent and diverse information from many sources. The power of information content development and communication is the last business that should be further deregulated. Unlike choices in power companies or airlines, maintaining the accessibility, diversity and minimization of concentration is paramount. Allowing fewer sources to provide us with our information is dangerous and reckless. I am a registered Republican and believe greatly in market forces, however, I am not willing to give up my right and freedom to diverse information sources that will otherwise be decided by a few individuals in companies motivated by the bottom line that most certainly lack an appreciation for local needs and interests. Arguments that other sources of information create undue competition under current rules is unfounded. No industry wants regulation because it limits greater achievement of economies of scale by spreading a single product over a larger market. This is not the place for these concepts and there are no positive outcomes for consumers, that the FCC is tasked with protecting, by allowing further concentration of media sources. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.